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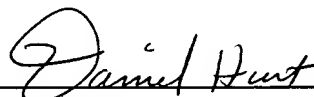
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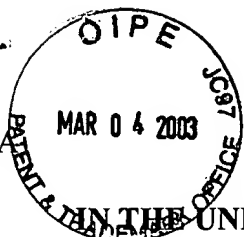
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on January 27, 2003 (Paper Number 13) in connection with the above-identified application. The Office Action states that the Applicants' reply, filed on October 28, 2002, was not fully responsive to the Examiner's previous Restriction Requirement because the Applicants did not elect a nucleic acid sequence from among the sequences recited in the elected independent claims, but rather, Applicants elected a polypeptide sequence even though no polypeptide sequences were recited in the elected independent claims. In response to this Office Action, Applicants now provisionally elect the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1463 with traverse.

In their previous reply of October 28, 2002, Applicants elected the claims of Group VII without traverse. Such election is maintained here. Additionally, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments to claims 12 and 31 and the new claims (Claims 45-99) which were filed with Applicants' previous reply of October 28, 2002. Applicants also

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